Local Photographer Attends Wedding Seminar

On March 4 - 5, Joe Vaughan, local photographer of Appomattox, traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend a seminar on wedding and portrait photography.

The seminar was taught by Don Feltner, of Wheatridge Colorado, who is ranked number seven in the top ten of the nation's best photographers.

Shown is Feltner, (left), presenting a certificate of award to Vaughan (right), for successfully completing the course. Shown posing in the background are professional models which were used for photographers to learn the newest in special effects, poses, and techniques. Vaughan says the information obtained from the seminar will help him give his customers better service in the future.

Hollywood

Now I beseech you, brethern, by the name of your Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 1 Cor. 1: 10.

Rev. Daniel Menser brought a fine message to our people at Hollywood church Sunday morning.

The week of prayer program for home missions was held at Hollywood Church, Thursday night with a good attendance and very interesting programs. A social hour was enjoyed afterwards.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schampel of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schampel of Florida and their families in the death of their brother Mr. Author Schampel of California.

We were very sorry to hear of the deaths of Mrs. Herbert Abbitt and Mr. Charles O'Brien. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with each of their love ones.

Our sincere prayers are with Mrs. Lizzie Tweedy of Lynchburg and her love ones. She fell recently and broke her shoulder and leg. She is 95 years young. Mrs. Tweedy is a cousin of Mrs. Mary Bagby, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, Mrs. Dot Reynolds, Mrs. Ann Davis and others in Appomattox.

We were very sorry to hear Mrs. C. D. Lewis is a patient in the hospital in Lynchburg. Our sincere prayers are with her and her love ones.

Mr. Jessie Torrence Jr. of Richmond entered the St. Mary's Hospital there Monday (today) for X-rays and test. We pray he may have a very speedy recovery.

Mr. James E. Maxwell entered the McGuire Hospital Richmond Saturday. He will undergo surgery Tuesday. Our sincere prayers are with him and his love ones.

Rev. Dan Menser visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schampel and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and family last week. We pray Mrs. Webb may soon be feeling better.

Mr. L. H. Watson got one of his eyes hurt while at work last week. We are very glad he is ok now from the ordeal.

Mr. L. H. Watson Jr. of Alexandria spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr. We are happy Mrs. Watson feels some better. Visitors in this home last week and Sunday were Mrs. Billy Inge, Mr. Thomas Woodall, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mr. Alton Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom.

Mr. Charlie Davis Lewis visited Mr. H. W. Jenkins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb spent Friday in Lynchburg. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson while there. They were visitors Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley of Buckingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanenkrat of Richmond spent Wednesday with their sister Mrs. M. L. Covington. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanenkrat.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Menser and Mike were luncheon guest of Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday. Others visiting Mrs. Bagby in the afternoon were Mrs. Alfred Almond, Mrs. Jerry Kendrick's, Mrs. Andy DAvis and daughter Robin.

Mrs. J. L. Torrence spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. James Conner. Mrs. Torrence was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thornhill and family.

Mr. Bobby Smith and Miss Teresa Cyrus were visitors Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman, Rev. Clarence Davis visited in this home Friday afternoon. Mr. Calvin Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Wednesday.

We are very glad to hear Mr. Bennett Gilliam has returned to his home in Farmville after spending some time in the hospital in Lynchburg. We pray he may have a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield of Roanoke spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner, Miss Dawn Deaner, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April Watson called in this home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent Friday and Saturday nights in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. Arron Wilson and family. They attended the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus there Saturday.

Calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby last week were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, the Kenneth Deaners, W. H. Wingfields and Thomas Woodalls.

Lord today let us live simply and walk quietly, restfully listening to your voice and learning to say no to whatever stands in the way of our being our best for you. Copied.

ROCKS

March 12 - It has been quite windy weather today. Big change from last week.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Richardson of Roanoke back in the community to live.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Esther Price of Pamplin whose mother, Mrs. Florence Hamlett of Richmond who passed away last week.

Get well wishes go out to Sarah Browning Taylor who continues ill and the other two Taylor gandsons who have been sick, but are some better.

Several more children and grown ups are on the sick list. Hope they soon have a speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended the Wooldridge and Abbitt families in the death of Rosa Mae early Sunday morning. She will be greatly missed.

Darrell Roach is back in school after being quite sick last week.

The men will have a work day at Rocks church this Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Jr and boys spent the week end in Martinsville.

Mrs. Clara Garrett and Mrs. Alice Jackson of Evergreen spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Iago.

The Friendship Circle had their meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Florence Ranson with another new member, Mrs. Myrle Richardson to join.

Raymore Moore of New York is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore of Pamplin.

Mrs. Katherine Dickerson spent the week end with Mrs. Annie Paulette while her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin spent the week end with their daughter, Paula and husband.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing around here.

Mrs. L. M. Williams of Waynesboro called to see her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach of Pamplin awhile Sunday afternoon.

Letter To The Editor

March 10, 1978

Dear Sir:

I am responding to R. L. Martin's letter in the March 8 Times-Virginian.

I find it appalling that hunters are not satisfied with the thousands of defenseless deer they are slaughtering annually and want to greatly increase the deer population in Appomattox County. What's the matter? Is it too difficult for the macho men to "get their big buck."

The farmers and gardeners complain now about the deer eating their crops. More deer would also bring more trigger happy "sportsmen" onto our lands...

Hunting for meat to feed a family is the only neccessity for killing but I hardly see Mr. Martin's statement of "constructive father - son relationships built on what nature offers them instead of the material goods which the American system continues to stress" as having anything to do with deer hunting.

Zipping around in a pickup with an expensive CB to monitor the entire procedure while waiting for a deer to be run out near the road by trained dogs is not exactly "back to nature."

Take that son or daughter for a walk or campout in the woods pointing out nature's bounty, the joy of watching God's creatures alive, and if you still have the urge to shoot something do it with a camera!.

Sincerely,
C. A. Nichols

Fidelity American Hold Annual Officers Meeting

LYNCHBURG - Approximately 240 officers, supervisors and management associates from throughout the Fidelity American Bank system in central and southside Virginia met last week at Randolph-Macon Woman's College for the bank's annual officers' meeting.

The purpose of these yearly meetings is to review the past year's performance and to brief officers on the bank's future plans.

Lewis B. Goode, Jr., president, welcomed the group and gave the president's message, pointing out that 1978 was one of the best years in terms of asset growth in the bank's 114 year history. He said that in 1979, special emphasis would be placed on customer service and officer involvement in community service.

Goode was followed by Robert D. Davis, senior vice president and controller, who presented budget projections for 1979. Rodger W. Fauber, executive vice president, addressed the officers on retail marketing plans, and T. Carl Alderman, senior vice president discussed commercial marketing for the coming year.

After the business meeting, Lynchburg officers of Commonwealth Banks, Inc., joined the group for dinner and the awards program.

During the evening program, division executives presented awards to officers in their area who had given outstanding service during 1978, and officers who had obtained over $1 million in new trust business were also recognized. David D. Armistead, senior vice president and manager of Fidelity's mail-order division, received the bank's annual community service award. This award is considered one of the bank's most important awards because of its traditional interest in civic affairs.

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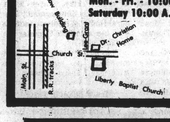

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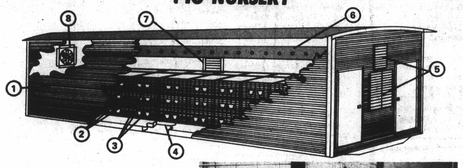

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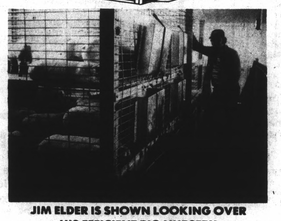
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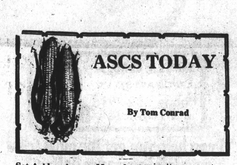

ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Set-Aside Acres May be Grazed - Appomattox County farmers who sign up for the 1979 set-aside program will be permitted to graze the set-aside and voluntary diversion acres in the fall beginning September 1.

Set-aside acreage must be cropland that was tilled within one of the last three years in the production of a crop other than hay or pasture, unless the hay crop was in normal rotation with small grain or row crops, or was accepted set-aside in 1978. Orchards, vineyards, strips in skiprow planting patterns and other areas that are too small or are abnormally shaped are excluded.

Land designated as set-aside must be devoted to an approved conservation practice that will protect the land from weeds, wind and water erosion. The land must have the protection established on it as soon as practical after the beginning of the normal period for planting spring crops.

Before approving a special cover and practices the State ASC committee obtains concurrence from the State conservationist and also consults with various wildlife agencies, organizations and other interested groups to assure that the set-aside and voluntary diversion will be adequately protected.

Farmers who comply with the set-aside program are eligible for commodity loans, voluntary diversion, disaster and deficiency payments.

ASCS Reports Signup Activity - At the end of the first four weeks of signup, seven Appomattox county farms were enrolled in the 1979 wheat and feed grain set-aside program. The signup began on February 15 and will run through April 30. It is anticipated that many more farms will be enrolled by the April 30 deadline.

The incentive to participate in the feed grain program totals $2.30 a bushel for corn and $2.40 a bushel for sorghum and barley. Wheat farmers participating in the program will be eligible for wheat loans of $2.35 a bushel and a target price of $3.40 per bushel. Program provisions for corn and sorghum include a 10 percent set-aside and a 10 percent diversion. Wheat and barley provisions call for a 20 percent set-aside.

Program participation is voluntary, producers must, however, file their intentions to participate during the signup period to be eligible for program benefits. Farmers who sign up for the program will help increase farm prices and help prevent an excessive buildup of wheat and feed grain stocks.

Farmers are permitted to sign up for voluntary diversion payments on corn and sorghum. However, no advance voluntary diversion payments will be made for 1979 crops.

Conservation Funds Totaled $23,350 - Funds for the 1979 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) totaled $23,350. The program emphasizes rural pollution abatement as well as solving soil, water and woodland conservation problems. ACP will be conducted on a fiscal year basis, with funds available for cost-share payment when practices have been performed and bills submitted to the ASCS office.

Cost-share payments may range from 50 to 75 percent of the farmers' cost for the most critical problems. The assistance will not be used for practices that are primarily production-oriented, or have little or no conservation or pollution abatement benefits to farmers and consumers.

We are placing more emphasis on practices keyed to treating serious conservation problems and to cleaning up farm-related pollution.

ACS is currently accepting applications for the 1979 ACP. As of March 12, 39 local producers had applied for the program; however there is still time and money left for producers to file an application.

For more information on ACP practices, call or visit the ASCS office in the Courtland Building on Court Street or telephone 352-5283.

1978, A Prosperous Year for Farmers - Hashed as one of the most prosperous years in recent history for farmers, 1978 saw record gains made in the agriculture sector of the economy.

Net arm income, estimated at $28.1 billion, was the second highest on record and exceeded the 1977 level by more than $8 billion. Farmers produced bumper crops and placed them in the reserve to keep prices up. Farm exports, set at 125 million metric tons for fiscal year 1978, were valued at a record $27.3 billion. By the close of 1978, farm prices were nearly 23 percent higher than they were the previous year.

Payments to farmers increased from $1.8 billion in 1977 to about $2.8 billion in 1978. The combination of farm and off-farm earnings made 1978 a record total income year for farm operators. While many individual farms still faced financial difficulties, farm incomes were higher for all major regions of the country, for both crop and livestock producers, and most farms shared in the improved prosperity.

The total farm debt increased by 14.3 percent in 1978, however, the book value of farm assets also increased. The value of farm real estate rose by nearly 12 percent; the value of farm animals by 34 percent; the value of farm-owned crops stored on or off the farm by 6 percent; the value of farm machinery and motor vehicles by nearly 8 percent.

1978 was a good year for farmers, and it is expected that 1979 will be another good year for agriculture.

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Ronald Thornhill Celebrates Birthday

Ronald Thornhill celebrated his birthday recently with a skate party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were Darrell Conner, Cheryl Guill, Steve Cyrus, Cindy Covington, Karen Sue Fitzgerald, Edith Smoak, Ronald, Robert Morgan, Twnley Smoak, Diane Jones, Rhonda Morgan and Melody Hall.

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It's Alfalfa Seeding Time!

BLACKSBURG - "Alfalfa is a plant that will last for years without producers spending a nickel for nitrogen fertilizer and is so high in quality and yield that it just cannot be excluded from a dairy operation," a Virginia Tech Extension specialist said.

"I have always been optimistic about alfalfa coming back to play a more important role in the forage program on Virginia dairy farms," Harlan E. White, Virginia Tech specialist in forages, stated.

After visiting with seed suppliers, Extension agents and dairymen, there is no doubt that alfalfa acreage is on the increase and that considerable acreage will be seeded this spring, White said.

Producers planning to make a spring seeding should start getting ready now. There is an increasing number of varieties on the market, many of them very good ones, White said.

"Of those which have been included in the Virginia Tech Department of Agronomy tests for at least three years, the varieties Arc, Weevichek, and Waterman Loomis (WL) 311 are hard to beat for yield, persistence and quality."

Others he recommended were Saranac AR, WL 307, WL 318, Titan and Williamsburg. Vernal is recommended only for west of the Blue Ridge and in Northern Virginia. Team should be used only in the Southern Piedmont and Eastern Virginia. Two other promising varieties are Vanguard and Conestoga.

White noted one of the primarary concerns in selecting an alfalfa variety is disease resistance, especially to anthracnose and bacterial wilt.

"The better varieties are often more expensive but the additional cost is small if prorated over several years, and may be offset if the improved variety yields more and lasts longer," the faculty member in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences said.

In most cases, the seed supply of the improved varieties is limited, so order early. It is usually easier to get the variety needed for spring seedings than for summer seedings since much of the previous summer's seed crop is sold in the spring.

"Don't hesitate to ask a seed dealer to order the variety desired if he doesn't have it in stock," White advised. "He can usually get it in a short time, but don't wait until the last minute to let him know what you need."

Choose a well-drained field for planting. Be sure the field in mind has not had alfalfa in it within the last two years. Most alfalfa diseases are soil borne, and will kill new seedlings trying to develop in infected soil.

Be sure the seed has live inoculum on it when you plant. If using preinoculated seed, make sure it is freshly inoculated and has been stored under cool, dry conditions.

"If inoculating the seed yourself, use fresh inoculum and some type of adhesive to be sure each seed has the bacteria present. The alfalfa seedling cannot fix nitrogen and be productive without these bacteria.

Seed as soon as you can get the seedbed prepared, White said.

"This gives the seedlings time to get started ahead of the weeds and allows them to take advantage of the cool temperatures and abundant spring moisture."

Early seeding nearly always results in better stands and higher yields the first year, he added.

"Plan to use a nurse crop only if soil erosion is likely to be a serious problem. Eptam, Balan, and Tolban are three preemergence herbicides which, if applied just prior to seeding according to directions on the label, will give excellent weed control. Don't use them in alfalfa-grass mixtures," he advised.

White recommended taking soil samples well in advance so there is time to apply lime and fertilizer. Apply enough lime to adjust the soil pH to 6.5-6.8. Work the lime and fertilizer into the soil during preparaiton of the seedbed.

Be sure to prepare a seedbed which will give the alfalfa every opportunity to germinate and grow. The final seedbed should be smooth and firm, without clods and uneven areas.

"A cultipacker seeder does a beautiful job of firming and smoothing the seedbed and insures that the seed is placed no deeper than ¼ - ½ inch in the soil," the specialist said.

The seeder's last step is to firm the soil around the seed, which helps protect the germinating seed from variations in temperature and moisture.

"If these details are all taken care of properly, producers can expect, with continued good management, to reap the benefits of having the field of alfalfa in their forage and feeding programs for many years," he concluded.

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